River Basin/Diversion Point	Water balance at 75% dependability
Peninsular Component	
1. Godavari at Sri Ram Sagar Project (SRSP)	(-) 10,008
2. Godavari between SRSP and Inchampalli	20,327
3. Godavari between SRSP and Polavaran	15,020
4. Mahanadi upto Hirakud	12,930
5. Mahanadi upto Manibhadra	15,333

(c) In studies of NWDA, these surplus water are envisaged to be diverted to other water short basins in the country besides meeting irrigation, domestic and industrial water needs enroute the link canals. The quantum of diversions from the above river basins including enroute uses for irrigation, domestic and industrial water needs are as follows.

River Basin/Diversion Point	Quantum of diversion (Mcum)*
Himalayan Component	
1. Brahmputra	42,825
Peninsular Component	
1. Mahanadi	12,220
2. Godavari	15,020

The figures are based on Preliminary studies, so these are tentative and are to be firmed up at Detailed Project Report revel.

Exploitation of ground water by soft drink companies

2262. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been formulated by the Central Government for soft drink companies who are exploiting ground water extensively for their products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any memoranda have been received by the Central Government from State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) In order to regulate ground water withdrawal by industries including aerated drink manufacturers, Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA), constituted under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, had circulated a list of critical areas to State Pollution Control Boards, Ministry of Environment & Forests etc. which refer proposals of new industries to CGWA for obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC) before issuing permission. Depending upon the availability of ground water and site specific scientific considerations in such areas, NOC is granted by the CGWA on case to case basis. A pre-condition for such permission is the mandatory adoption of rain water harvesting system for ground water recharge by the industry.

(c) No memoranda have been received by the Ministry of Water Resources from State Governments in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-Payment of Salaries to Employees of NPCC

†2263. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.'

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of field unit employees of National Project Construction Corporation (NPCC) who have not been paid their salaries and other payments for the last eighteen to twenty months;

(by whether it is a fact that children of these employees have left their study in between due to non-payment of salaries to them;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to pay arrears of salaries to these employees of NPCC at the earliest; and

(d) the steps Government would take to ensure regular payment of salary to these employees in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) Due to closure of some units of NPCC Limited disbursal of salary is pending for the last

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.